

**Qualification for contesting Village Panchayat Elections*

336. Sri H. B. LAKSHMAN (Bharmasagar).—

Will the Minister for Community Development and Social Welfare be pleased to state:—

(a) what are the qualifications prescribed for contesting elections to the Taluk Boards and Village Panchayats in the State; whether the candidates should be a local man or he can contest even though he resides in City;

(b) whether an amendment to the effect that the Villagers alone are eligible to contest the election as the election is concerned with the villagers would be made?

Sri N. RACHAIAH (Minister for Community Development and Social Welfare) :

(a) According to sections 102(2) and 95(1) of Karnataka Panchayat and Local Boards Act, 1959 only those persons whose name is included in electoral roll of Legislative Assembly constituency for the time being in force and of taluk and in the electoral roll of the Taluk Board, having jurisdiction excluding such portions of the taluk as are included in a Municipality or under the authority of notified area Committee are eligible for contesting the election. The Candidate for the election should be free from dis-qualifications mentioned in section 103 of the said Act.

According to section 10 of the Karnataka Panchayats and Local Boards Act, 1959 a person whose name is included in the electoral roll of the Village Panchayat Constituency unless disqualified under this Law or any other Laws in force for the time being is eligible to contest the election. The candidate desiring to contest the election should be free from disqualification prescribed in section 11 of the Act.

(b) There is no need for an amendment.

CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE.

(i) re: *death of one Sri Narayanachari in Chintamani Police Station.*

Sri C. BYRE GOWDA (Vemgal).—I call the attention of the Chief Minister to the death of Sri Narayanachari in the Police Station at Chintamani and also students' agitation at Chintamani.